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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
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(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

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1. This report is the international preliminary examination report, established by this International Preliminary Examining Authority under Article 35 and transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.

2. This REPORT consists of a total of 5 sheets, including this cover sheet.

3. This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, comprising:

a. ☒ (sent to the applicant and to the International Bureau) a total of 5 sheets, as follows:

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☒ Box No. I Basis of the report

☐ Box No. II Priority

☐ Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability

☐ Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention

☒ Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

☐ Box No. VI Certain documents cited

☐ Box No. VII Certain defects in the international application

☐ Box No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____, which is language of a translation furnished for the purpose of:

- ☐ international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b))
☐ publication of the international application (under Rule 12.4)
☐ international preliminary examination (under Rules 55.2 and/or 55.3)

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

☐ The international application as originally filed/furnished

☒ the description:

pages _____ 1, 4-7 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ 2, 3, 3a _____ received by this Authority on 02 November 2004 (02.11.2004)

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☒ the claims:

pages _____ 2 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____, as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19

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pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

☒ the drawings:

pages _____ 1/3-3/3 _____, as originally filed/furnished

pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____

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☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.

3. ☐ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).

☐ the description, pages _____

☐ the claims, Nos. _____

☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____

☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): _____

☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): _____

* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-3	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations

Reference is made to the following document:

D1: DE 296 21 374 U (REINHOLD KLAUS) 6 February 1997
(1997-02-06)

Document D1 is considered the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1 and discloses (the references between parentheses refer to that document):

A method for preparing film webs (1a, 1b), said method comprising the following method features:

- extrusion of a film tube (1, 3);
- laying out (7, 9) and pinching (12, 13) of the film tube;
- reversing of the film tube (figure 2);
- cutting of the extruded film tube (14) into at least two film webs (1a, 1b), the film tube being cut in the direction of conveyance of the film tube before the pinching is carried out.

The subject matter of claim 1 thus differs from the known method in that:

- the at least two film webs produced pass through only one reversing device before they are fed to

- a stationary additional processing or storage device;
- the surfaces of the at least two film webs are in partial contact during the reversing stage;
 - a film tube with an adhesive outer surface is processed; and
 - during the reversing stage, only the surfaces of the cut film tube which previously formed the inner surfaces of the film tube are in contact.

The subject matter of claim 1 is thus novel (PCT Article 33(2)).

The present invention can therefore be considered to address the problem of proposing a method for producing adhesive films which limits the cost of the device used (see page 2, line 27 of the description).

The solution to this problem as proposed in claim 1 of the present application involves an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)) for the following reasons: the combination of characterising features in claim 1 is not disclosed by any of the prior art documents or by any combination thereof.

Claims 2 and 3 are dependent on claim 1 and therefore likewise meet the PCT requirements for novelty and inventive step.